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Title: NOVEL REAGENT COMPOUNDS  
AND METHODS OF MAKING AND  
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Preliminary Amendment

This is a preliminary amendment to the above referenced case. Attached herewith are: 1) Transmittal letter; 2) copy of the Notice of Insufficient Fees dated 12/08/2006; 3) Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b); 4) Fee transmittal sheet; and, 5) PTO-2038. Applicants do not believe any additional petitions are required; if this is in error, such petitions are hereby made. All fees associated with this response, including additional claims fee (\$75), and the petition fee under 1.17(m) (\$770 for a small-entity) may be charged to the credit card shown on the attached PTO-2038. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are required.

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